

**REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 1  
FOURTH QUARTER 2002  
COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES**

Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard,  
St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 1 during fourth quarter 2002 was 595,209, an increase of 0.2% from the third quarter 2002, and a decrease of 1.8% from the same period in 2001. Employment increased in seven of the 20 NAICS sectors from the third quarter 2002. The largest percentage increase of 5.0% was in educational services.

Average quarterly employment data for fourth quarter 2002, third quarter 2002, fourth quarter 2001, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 15. Health care and social assistance was the leading industry in RLMA 1 with 78,230 employees, or 13.1% of total employment. Orleans was the leading parish with 253,265 employees, or 42.6% of total employment.

Total wages increased 1.6% from the same period in 2001, and increased 10.0% from the third quarter 2002, for an average weekly wage of \$662.97. St. Charles parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$844.91.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 1 is listed in the table below. Average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 1" beginning on page 18.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Jefferson	\$ 629.11
Orleans	703.75
Plaquemines	758.48
St. Bernard	559.83
St. Charles	844.91
St. James	736.85
St. John the Baptist	649.79
St. Tammany	543.96

The number of reporting units in RLMA 1 for fourth quarter 2002 was 36,366.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT

